

# 'Stangs split two more

*Come from behind effort clips Umatilla....*

It took them a while to warm up—2½ quarters to be exact—but by the final period the Mustangs were in high gear as they blew past Umatilla for a 47-44 Columbia Basin Conference win Friday on the road.

Heppner trailed by as many as ten points midway through the third quarter before the shots started dropping. At the end of the period they were behind by just one and then outscored the Vikings 17-13 in the final frame.

"It would have been easy for them to just give up when they were down by 10," Mustang coach Tom Day said of his team "But they just kept

hustling and finally got it together."

The Mustangs started the game with a cold-shooting 23 per cent first quarter field goal percentage, and only improved to 25 per cent in the second period. After intermission, Heppner warmed to a 35 per cent clip and in the final period, they burned the net at a 66 per cent pace. Overall, Heppner hit 22 of 61 attempts for 36 per cent.

At the free throw line, Heppner gave away a seven point advantage to the Viks, hitting three of eight while Umatilla nailed 10 of 17.

Dennis Peck was the only

Mustang in double figures with 15 points and he also led the team in rebounds with eight. Jim Parker, starting at guard in place of Bryan Marlin who injured his finger in a wood chopping accident, turned in a good performance by hitting four of eight shots from the field and totaling nine points in the game.

As he has done on several occasions this season, Sam Myers came off the bench to spark the comeback in the third period, canning four of six shots and adding a free throw for nine points. Mark Huddleston also came off the bench to contribute six points

and as many rebounds. Dale Holland added seven boards to help Heppner take a 36-32 rebounding edge.

Day called the Vikings a team with good potential, adding that they were coming off a tough series of games including Weston-McEwen, Sherman County and Pilot Rock, all in the past week. Day said he was concerned with stopping John Borchart who had scored 36 points against Sherman and he credited the Mustangs with a good hustling defense which held Borchart to only four points. Jeff Watson led the Viks with 13.

## Sherman power display proves too much

Heppner gave a Sherman County a run for its money in the early going before the height, strength and talent of the Huskies took their toll and the undefeated conference leaders breezed to a 77-48 win over the Mustangs Saturday at Heppner.

The Mustangs led through-out most of the opening period, getting on the board first with a couple of free throws by Dennis Peck. Heppner stretched out to a 10-6, then 16-10 lead with Peck and Ken Grieb hitting from the outside and Jerry Cutsforth and Dale Holland scoring in close.

Sherman closed the gap and jumped on top with a bucket by Don Decker at the first quarter buzzer. Heppner regained the lead 21-20 when Jim Parker nailed one but it was the last time the Mustangs would see daylight. The Huskies 6'3" center Eric Kalista dropped in two uncontested buckets and Sherman started to show why they are the conference frontrunners and a good bet for some post-season titles.

Sherman led by 12 at the intermission and then opened the second half with 10 unanswered points in the first 2½ minutes to put the game out of reach.

Leading the Mustangs was Dennis Peck who had a good

game with 14 points and four assists. Jim Parker also hit double figures with 10 points in his second starting assignment. Dale Holland picked up seven points and eight rebounds while Howard Huddleston pulled seven boards, all in the fourth quarter.

Lionel Wood played well in his first varsity action after

recently being moved up from the JV team.

Heppner shot 38 per cent from the floor in the game but got into trouble by committing 24 fouls. Sherman converted 17 of 29 free throws while the Mustangs picked up six points on 11 attempts.

Heppner coach Tom Day credited his team with a "good

job all the way to the end" despite the lopsided score.

"They were kind of intimidated by Sherman's size," Day said. "Sherman kept coming over the top for inside points and there wasn't much they could do to stop it."

Dave Simantel led the Huskies with 20 points, Jim MacNab had 18 and Kalista scored 12.



GORDON HOFFNAGLE gets off one of the few clear inside shots allowed by Sherman in the Huskies 77-48 win over the Mustangs Saturday.

## Fourth quarter comeback boosts

### lady Cards past Arlington 36-31

"We seem to be a fourth quarter team," said lone coach Martha Doherty after her team outscored Arlington 17-10 in the final period to post a 36-31 Big Sky Conference win Friday at Ione.

The lady Cards came from two points behind after three periods to pass the Honkers even though one starter left the game with five fouls and two others played the final period with four fouls.

Susan Thompson and Grace McElligott led the way with nine and eight points, respectively, and both girls collected eight rebounds. Janet McElligott scored six points, Martha McElligott and Darcy Rea both had four and Michelle McElligott added three.

Doherty said the key to the game was controlling Arlington's offensive threat, Darcy Wetherall, who ended the game with 13 points but had only three points—all from the foul line—in the first half. The first half ended in a 13-13 tie. Ione was outrebounded in the game 38-31 but forced Arlington into 30 turnovers while turning the ball over themselves 21 times.

Doherty said it was the best win of the year for the Cards

and left them with a 1-0 conference mark.

The following night at Wheeler, the lady Cards dropped a 37-28 decision to the hosts in a game that saw 66 violations whistled.

Ione was tagged with 31 of the fouls while Wheeler was called 35 times. Both teams

## Willow Creek Country Club elects new officers at annual gathering

The annual meeting of Willow Creek Country Club was held Jan. 18 at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op building with 33 persons attending.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Harold Kerr, president; Dave Harrison, vice-president; and Conley Lanham, secretary-treasurer. Board members elected and appointed include Ron Jones, Jim Wishart, Lois Hunt, Annetta Klinger, and Clint McQuarrie.

The presentation of awards to both men and women for golfing prowess throughout the year was enjoyed by the group. The meeting ended

had 34 attempts from the free throw line with the Cards converting 10 and Wheeler sinking 11.

Martha McElligott and Grace McElligott both scored with points for Ione with Janet McElligott adding six and Shelley Connor a pair.

with refreshments and a movie on the 1977 Masters Tournament.

All members are encouraged to pay dues and locker rentals. The dues remain at the same bargain prices as

Martha McElligott was the Cards top rebounder with seven.

Card coach Martha Doherty said she was pleased with the way her team members kept their composure despite the out-of-control nature of the game.

last year. The dues rates are \$60 for families, \$48 for singles, \$12 for associate memberships (out of county) and \$24 for high school students.

## Little League meeting

An organizational meeting for Little League League baseball will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at First National Bank. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Tom Wilson, president of Willow Creek Little League, commented, "we need coaches and anyone else who wants to help." For more information, call Wilson at 676-5813.



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JACKIE MOLLAHAN goes for the ball in heavy traffic during the Fillies 40-17 victory over Sherman County Saturday. The win made it four straight for Heppner in conference play.

# Fillies breeze by Viks 41-11, crush Sherman 40-17

The Fillies stretched their current win streak to four games, all coming over conference opponents, with weekend wins over Umatilla and Sherman County. Both games were runaways, with victory margins of 30 against the Viking and 23 over the Huskies.

Friday at Umatilla, Heppner broke a 4-4 tie after the first period to lead 18-8 at halftime. In the third period, the Fillies shot a hot 55 per cent and upped their lead to 20 points. Heppner held the Viks to a single point in the closing period while scoring 11 themselves.

Diane Holland hit 16 points to lead the scoring attack and she also topped the team in rebounding with nine. Jackie Mollahan totaled 11 points and four rebounds while Wendy Myers picked up six points and as many boards.

Maureen Healy grabbed eight rebounds and Janice Healy added seven to help the Fillies take a 42-23 rebounding edge.

The Fillies also had 43 steals

in the game with Lori Rhea making 11 thefts and Mollahan adding 10.

Against Sherman, the game was never close as Heppner took control early and kept the Huskies off the scoreboard for more than 5½ minutes.

The Fillies hit only 17 of 74 shots from the field but the big factor in the game was their 56 to 31 rebounding advantage. Maureen Healy collected a season high 29 rebounds,

Wendy Myers added 11 and Diane Holland grabbed five.

Healy also led the team in scoring with 11 points followed by Lori Rhea with eight, Julie Grieb and Diane Holland with five and Shelley Thompson with four.

The Fillies hit 35 per cent of their attempts from the free throw line.

Both teams opened the game in a zone and pressure defense by the Fillies resulted in 38 steals. Heppner kept up

the pressure although they had only eight players available for the game. Jana Steagall, Cindy Kerr and Geri Grieb were all out of action due to injuries.

The win was the fourth straight for the Fillies who have come back after suffering four consecutive losses prior to the opening of league play. Heppner's record is now 4-1 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 8-5 overall.

## Baseball clinic in Portland

The 8th Annual Pete Ward Baseball Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 11, on the Lewis and Clark College campus.

Rod Carew, perennial American League batting champion and 1977 American League Most Valuable Player, will headline an impressive foursome of celebrities.

Joining Carew on the pro-

gram will be the all-time great third baseman of the Baltimore Orioles, Brooks Robinson; the 1977 National League Manager of the Year, Tom LaSorda; and Tom Gorman, an umpire of 25 professional seasons.

The clinic will be divided into two segments. The regular session (students, \$10; adults, \$15) pre-registration

will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with baseball films preceding and following, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. The Coaches' Corner will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (all ticketed, \$20.00). Ticket and registration information may be obtained from the Portland Park Bureau, 1107 S.W. Fourth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97204, or by calling 248-4325.

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